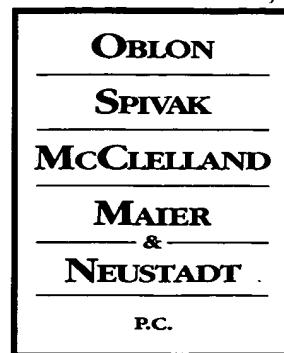




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RE: Application Serial No.: 10/790,497
Applicants: Satoshi YAMAGUCHI
Filing Date: March 1, 2004
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HEAD DEVICE
Group Art Unit: 2627
Examiner: WATKO, J.A.

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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SIR:

In response to the Restriction Requirement dated July 18, 2006, Applicants provisionally elect, *with traverse*, Group I, Claims 1-14, for further examination on the merits in the present application.

Applicants respectfully traverse the Restriction Requirement for the following reason.
MPEP § 803 states:

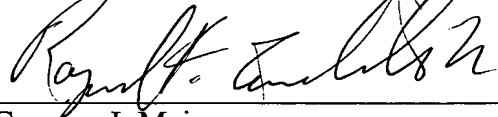
If the search and examination of an entire application can be made without serious burden, the Examiner must examine it on the merits, even though it includes claims to distinct or independent inventions.

The claims of the present invention would appear to be part of an overlapping search area.

Accordingly, Applicants respectfully traverse the outstanding Restriction Requirement on the grounds that a search and examination of the entire application would not place a serious burden on the Examiner. Therefore, an action on all of Claims 1-18 is earnestly solicited.

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